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SRI O. KORAN : May I know the number of Harijans selected as Gramasevaks?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : When these posts of Gramasevaks were taken outside the purview of the Public Service Commission, the Hon. Minister stated that one of the reasons was that they required special aptitude on the part of the employees. Did the Government give any general direction as to the nature of the choice and the qualifications of special aptitude in respect of these appointments?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No specific instructions were given but only general instructions were given.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that one of the tests given to the applicants for the posts of Gramasevaks is the running of six miles on mountainous roads and on one occasion an applicant sustained injuries while running. If so, is it done according to the instructions of the Government or according to the instructions of the officers concerned on the spot?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am quite certain that the Government have not issued any such instructions. But regarding what actually happened, I would like to have notice.

Gambling shows

*131 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received any complaints about alleged gambling shows at the Ootacamund Flower Show;

(*b*) whether Government have received any complaints that gaming at cards is going on in gentlemen's clubs all over the State; and

(*c*) if so, whether any action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Are the Government aware that in most of these clubs visited by luxurious gentlemen, the main activity is gambling under the guise of playing cards. At the same time if the same thing is indulged in by the poor people in a place fifty yards away, they will be marched to the nearest police court. Therefore, in the name of austerity and ethics, will the Government put an end to that kind of gambling going on in these clubs?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know whether the hon. Member has any personal experience of it. As far as I know, there is cardsplay going on in all these clubs. I do not know whether they indulge in gambling.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் இந்த மாதிரியான கிளப்புகளுக்குப் போகாமல் இருந்திருக்கலாம். ஆனால், நாங்கள் கேள்விப்பட்டவரையில், பல கிளப்புகளில் நூற்றுக்கணக்கான ரூபாய்களுக்கும், ஆயிரக்கணக்கான ரூபாய்களுக்கும் சூதாட்டம் நடந்து வருவதாகதெரிகிறது. இதன் காரணமாக பலர் பணம் இழந்தும வருகிறார்கள் என்றும் தெரிகிறது. சர்க்கார் இது விஷயமாக விசாரணை செய்து நடவடிக்கை எடுத்து இந்த சூதாட்டங்களை கட்டுப்படுத்துமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : கனம் அங்கத்தினருக்கு இந்தக் கிளப்புகளைப்பற்றி ஏதாவது நேரிடையாகத் தெரிந்திருந்தால் அந்தத் தகவலை எனக்குக் கொடுக்கலாம். அப்படித் தகவல் கொடுத்தால், அது பற்றி விசாரிக்கப்பட்டு நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படும்.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Is it not necessary that a club should be declared a gambling house before taking action against that club under the gambling offence?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir. According to the recent decision, what is laid down is that if the club has received any commission for its premises being used for the purpose of gambling, then it may be called a gambling house. But if the club premises is used for the purpose of playing cards without stakes, then it would not be called a gambling house. The question is not so important that it is necessary to bring forward any amending legislation for that purpose. But if hon. Members feel that there is a case for it, I would like to have further information about it.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Human nature being what it is, it is but natural that one would like vent to his gambling instinct occasionally. So, will the Hon. Minister see that at least on certain festive occasions like the flower show gambling plays are encouraged?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think that the Government can take the advice of the hon. Member and adopt that as the policy.

9-40 a.m. SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : The main question has two aspects. One relates to the kind of fanfare that we see in some of the important and officially sponsored occasions like the Ootacamund Flower Show which is quite different from gambling, and that kind of fanfare. The other aspect relates to indulging, mostly or completely in clubs, in gambling in the name of playing Rummy, day in and day out, and it is also known that there is no pep in playing that game without money. Would the Hon. Minister, in the name of morality and setting an example, see that police officials and other higher officials do not indulge in clubs in these games?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As far as the shows organized during the Flower Show and on other occasions are concerned, there is a difference between what are known as games of skill and games of chance. Only games of skill are permitted and games of pure chance are not permitted at all. Of course, the difference might be thin in certain cases. Still, to the best of their judgment they try to see that only games of skill are permitted there. But with reference to the suggestion made in regard to the clubs, I am afraid that the hon. Member's suggestion that police and other officials are participating in what is called playing cards with stakes, I do not think there is any substance or basis behind that allegation. But anyhow if the hon. Member should give some further information about it, if necessary, the Government would consider any proposal to restrict these activities even in clubs.

Emergency recruitment to Indian Administrative Service

* 132 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of officials of the State Government recruited for Indian Administrative Service under the Government of India's emergency recruitment scheme during the year 1956?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This can be known only when appointments to the Service are notified. The State Government have no information on this yet.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government for the selection of Indian Administrative Service Officers and if so, whether the applications of officers drawing more than Rs. 300 as salary would be considered?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Applications have been received and I think the Selection Committee had its sitting in Madras also. But we have not received any information regarding the selections made.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : When this emergency recruitment to Indian Administrative Service is made by the Government, may I know whether any special consideration would be shown to officials belonging to the Harijan Community inasmuch as the quota set apart for the Harijans in the Indian Administrative Service cadre is too meagre? Would the Government therefore deem it necessary and advisable to see that at least the quota set apart for the Harijans in the Indian Administrative Service cadre is being filled in by members of the Harijan Community?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think this question dealing with the recruitment to the All-India Services should be put in the Lok Sabha as the policy will have to be laid down by the Government of India.